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SUBJECT: PEMEX DEEPWATER PETROLEUM LOADING/UNLOADING BUOYS

REF: ECONOMIC ALERT LIST

1. EMBASSY TCO AND PETROLEUM OFFICER PAID CALL ON ING. AUGUSTIN STRAFFON A., MARINE MANAGER FOR PETROLEOS MEXICANOS (PEMES). DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS SUBJECT OF PEMEX DEEPWATER PETROLEUM LOADING BUOYS SURFACED.

2. STRAFFON STATED THAT PEMEX HAS PURCHASED FOUR NEW BUOYS FROM U.S. COMPANY WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO LOAD/UNLOAD CRUDE AND REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM TANKERS OF UP TO AND INCLUDING 60,000 DWT. TWO OF THESE BUOYS ARE NOW IN OPERATION OFF TUXPAN, VER. A THIRD WILL BE INSTALLED OFF THE PORT OF SALINA CRUZ, OAX. ALTHOUGH SCHEDULED TO BEGIN OPERATING IN JUNE 1976, A RECENT VISIT BY U.S. NAVAL ATTACHE INDICATES THIS DATE WILL NOT BE MET. ESTIMATE AUG. OR SEPT. AS MORE REALISTIC. THE BUOY IS COMPLETE AND IN THE WATER IN SALINA CRUZ HARBOR. ALL FIXED AND FLEXIBLE PIPING (18 IN. DIA) IS STOCKED ON PIER READY FOR LAYING. A SPECIALLY CONVERTED LST IS BEING READIED TO COMMENCE LAYING THE FIXED PIPES IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH. THE FOURTH BUOY IS NOW BEING ASSEMBLED AND IS TO BE PLACED OFF ROSARITO, B.C.N., TO BEGIN OPERATING IN SEPTEMBER 1976. THESE FOUR BUOYS WILL BE ADDITIONAL TO THE SMALLER
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CONVENTIONAL BUOY LOADING SYSTEMS ALREADY PRESENT IN

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TUXPAN (2 SYSTEMS) AND ROSARITO 2(SYSTEMS).

3. STRAFFON CLAIMED PEMEX HAS NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL ADDITIONAL BUOYS. THE PORT CHANNEL AT PAJORITOS, VER., IS BEING DEEPENED TO 42 FEET, OBVIATING THE NEED FOR A BUOY THERE- NONE HAS BEEN NOR WILL BE INSTALLED.

4. THE CORE ELEMENT OF THESE FOUR BUOYS WERE BUILT BY IMODCO, INC., FOLLOWING THEIR PATENTED DESIGN, AND SHIPPED TO MEXICO WHERE EXTERNAL FITTINGS WERE ADDED. IMODCO, INC., IS LOCATED AT 10960 WILSHIRE BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90024, TELEPHONE (213) 477-1441. FURTHER TECHNICAL DETAILS OF THE BUOYS(AS WELL AS OF THE PEMEX FLEET) WILL BE FOUND IN THE PEMEX PUBLICATION "FLOTA PETROLERA-1975" BEING SUBMITTED SEPARATELY AS ENCLOSURE TO AIRGRAM.
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